

REMARKS:

In the foregoing amendments, claims 1-3 were canceled while claims 4-7 were added to the applications. New claims 4, 6 and 7 respectively correspond to original claims 1-3. New claim 5 defines firstly pumping the water rich portion of the mixture solution through the processing means, along the lines discussed on page 16, lines 10-24, and elsewhere in applicant's specification disclosure. Claims 4-7 are in the application for consideration by the examiner. A formal allowance of all these claims is respectfully requested for at least the following reasons.

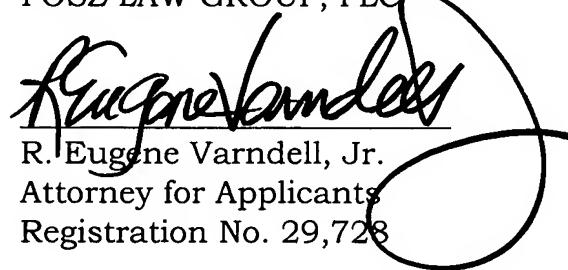
The Official action set forth a single rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. This rejection appears on pages 2 and 3 of the Official action. In the foregoing amendments, original claims 1-3 were replaced with new claims 4-7. The new claims do not use the terminology objected to in the aforesaid rejection. In addition, the new claims include a shorter preamble and provide proper antecedent basis for all the elements defined therein. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 4-7 particularly point out and distinctly claimed the subject matter regarded as the invention within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests that the examiner reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

At least for the foregoing reasons, a formal allowance of claims 4-7 is respectfully requested. While it is believed that all the claims in this

application are in condition for allowance, should the examiner have any comments or questions, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be telephoned at the below listed number to resolve any outstanding issues.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee therefor, as well as any other fees which become due, may be charged to our deposit account No. 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,  
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